

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Federal Government collects over 4.3 billion dollars annually in gasoline and other automotive taxes for Federal-aid highway improvements; and

WHEREAS, only sixty per cent (60%) of these funds are placed in the Highway Trust Fund for Federal-aid highway improvements, and the other forty per cent (40%), which amounts to over 1.7 billion dollars annually, is diverted to the General Fund and used for other than road purposes; and

WHEREAS, this diversion of motor funds is depriving the motorists of almost 60,000 miles of road improvements annually; and

WHEREAS, the House Committee of Ways and Means of Congress has before it for consideration H. R. No. 8612, entitled "A National Home Rule Road Program," which provides for amendments to the Federal Aid Acts and Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Tax Acts, to require that all Federal gasoline and automotive taxes be placed in the Highway Trust Fund to be used exclusively for highway purposes; and

WHEREAS, said program will provide that sixty per cent (60%) of the Trust Fund, the same amount that now is used, shall be allocated for improvements on the Federal-aid Highway System; and the forty per cent (40%) that now is diverted shall be allocated to the states for the improvement of state and local roads; one-half of the funds to be used for state roads, the other half to be allocated by the states for the improvement of the local roads and streets in the Counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, enactment of the National Home Rule Road Bill, H. R. No. 8612, will end the federal diversion of motor revenues, help restore national prosperity, provide employment for hundreds of thousands of men in the greatest state and local road improvement program in our nation's history, promote the civic welfare of every community and state in the nation, and help to reduce our state and local road tax burden;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we endorse the National Home Rule Road Bill, H. R. No. 8612, and inform our United States Senators and our Representatives in Congress of our action, and request their aid and influence in getting the bill reported from the House Committee of Ways and Means for prompt action by Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to United States Senators Spessard L. Holland and George A. Smathers, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., and to Congressman D. R. (Billy) Matthews, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., and to our local newspapers, radio and television stations, to our Motor Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and other civic groups for their information and cooperation.

Passed at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Nassau in the State of Florida on the 11th day of July, 1962.

Harry Pook
Chairman

ATTEST:

D. O. Oyley
Clerk